

EAST LONDON RAILWAY JOINT COMMITTEE.

MEETING :

CANNON STREET HOTEL, LONDON, 9th February, 1916.

PRESENT :

BRIGHTON COMPANY	.	REAR ADMIRAL THE HON. THOS. SEYMOUR BRAND. MT. WALKER for SIR WILLIAM FORBES.
CHATHAM	"	Mr. HAYNE for Sir FRANCIS H. DENT.
DISTRICT	"	ERNEST LAW, ESQ. MURRAY GRIFFITH, ESQ.
EAST LONDON	"	WM. MILLWOOD, ESQ. COL. A. G. A. DURAND, C.B., C.I.E. MT. LACEY.
GREAT EASTERN	"	Mr. PARKER for Mr. H. W. THORNTON.
METROPOLITAN	"	The RT. HON. LORD ABERCONWAY. The HON. EVELYN HUBBARD. MT. R. H. SELBIE.
SOUTH EASTERN	"	The RT. HON. LORD HOTHFIELD. WM. NEWBURN, ESQ. MT. HAYNE for Sir FRANCIS H. DENT.

IN ATTENDANCE :

MT. PARSONS, *Secretary and Manager.*

The RT. HON. LORD ABERCONWAY *in the Chair.*

3371. Minutes.

THE MINUTES of the Committee's Meeting of the 20th October last, having been printed and circulated, were declared correct, and were signed.

3372. Parliamentary.

Messrs. BRISTOWS REPORTED—

That the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Act 1915 had received the Royal Assent, and contains a clause as approved by Mr. Tempest for the protection of the Committee's rights in connection with the bridge carrying the Rotherhithe New Road over East London Railway.

That they had examined the list of Private Bills of which notice had been given to be introduced into Parliament during the ensuing Session and find none of them affects the East London Railway or the rights of the Joint Committee.

3373. Rent of Line due 1st April, 1916.

RESOLVED—

That £15,000, the half-year's rent, be paid to the East London Company on the 1st April next, each of the Lessee Companies being hereby requested to contribute £1,000 (One Thousand Pounds) towards such payment, and without prejudice to its share of responsibility under the Lease.

3374. Electrification. Finance. (3356).

REPORTED—

That cheques have been signed for £2,142 16s. 3d., since last report, making cheques signed to date £86,193 17s. 4d.

Amounts recovered, premium on debentures, and surplus materials £5,891 9s. 7d.; nett expenditure to date £80,302 7s. 9d.

3375. Maintenance, Pumping Plant, Lighting of Stations, (3162) and Wapping Lifts.

SUBMITTED the following recommendation re maintenance of Lifts at Wapping:—

"Referring to Minute 3162:—As the same considerations apply the Engineers named therein

"recommend that the maintenance of the Lifts at Wapping should be included in this arrangement."

APPROVED.

3376. Solicitors' Charges, for half-year ending 31st December, 1915.

SUBMITTED Messrs. Bristows' Bill of Costs for half-year:—

	Amount.	Out of Pocket.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sundries	1 5 0	
Parliamentary	2 6 0	
Rating	10 4 2	5 15 6
	<u>£13 15 2</u>	
of which "Out of Pocket"		<u>£5 15 6</u>

RESOLVED—

That the amount be paid.

3377. Stepney Borough Council's Representations to the East London Co.

REPORTED—

That, at the request of the East London Co., these representations

- (1) Stations between Shadwell and Whitechapel,
- (2) Lift accommodation at Shadwell,
- (3) Through running of District Co.'s trains,

had been referred to the General Managers for their remarks, that replies had been received from all of them unanimously agreeing as to the untimeliness of these proposals,—and making special remarks in regard to them.

RESOLVED—

That the Secretary reply on behalf of the Committee, in the manner suggested by the Chairman.

3378. Meetings, 1916.

The following dates were fixed for the Committee's meetings in 1916:—

April 19th,
July 12th,
October 11th,
December 13th,

being Wednesdays, at 2.30 p.m.

The Chairman of the last meeting to call an interim meeting if it is considered necessary.

3379. Traffic Receipts.

The figures of Committee's earnings are omitted as they have not been cleared.

3380. Bankers' Pass Books SUBMITTED, with Bankers' Statement, showing credit balances to date:—

Deposit Account . . .	£2,000.
Current " " . . .	£3,455 11s. 6d.

3381. Cheques SIGNED for £2,410 4s. 5d., Cheques for £15,543 8s. 3d. (Wages, Rates, Gas, Maintenance, etc.) reported signed since last meeting.

3382. Return of Receipts and Passengers-

SUBMITTED the following statements:—

COACHING RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER, 1915, IN COMPARISON WITH OCTOBER, 1914.

STATIONS.	BOOKINGS TO									TOTAL RECEIPTS.	
	East London Railway.	Brighton Railway.	South Eastern Railway.	Metropolitan Railway.	City Lines and Extensions.	District Railway.	W. & B. L. T. & S.	Great Eastern Railway.		October, 1915.	October, 1914.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Cross, S.E.R.	278 0 11	...	...	438 5 6	61 2 0	29 19 11	49 8 2	7 8 11		864 5 5	621 12 4
Do. L.B.S.C.	367 1 0	...	...	328 5 5	56 4 7	27 3 9	61 4 6	42 1 0		882 0 3	672 7 10
Surrey Docks .	456 19 1	14 2 4	15 8 8	289 16 8	82 14 0	89 16 2	61 17 9	46 16 7		1,028 11 3	728 15 8
Rotherhithe .	182 11 10	3 8 9	2 3 7	86 6 0	39 15 7	33 4 7	21 9 6	13 7 10		382 7 8	399 18 9
Wapping .	147 18 6	1 15 3	3 5 7	46 12 1	21 11 9	24 14 3	9 4 2	2 1 2		257 2 9	191 3 8
Shadwell .	419 14 7	9 13 10	9 19 6	50 18 11	10 4 1	26 5 9	4 12 0	16 11 10		557 0 6	494 11 2
Whitechapel .	387 18 5	13 7 7	13 10 10	...	...	...	...	0 6 1		385 2 11	333 17 1
Shoreditch .	190 7 8	3 1 9	3 8 8	0 12 5	0 9 7	1 8 3	4 10 1	0 2 6		294 0 8	135 9 6
Totals, Oct., 1915 .	2,380 11 9	45 9 6	47 16 10	1,249 17 0	272 1 7	223 12 8	212 6 2	128 15 11		4,560 11 5	...
Do. Oct., 1914 .	2,024 11 7	39 14 7	22 11 0	894 18 2	174 13 0	134 6 3	179 6 0	107 15 4		...	3,478 15 11

COACHING RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1915, IN COMPARISON WITH NOVEMBER, 1914.

STATIONS.	BOOKINGS TO									TOTAL RECEIPTS.	
	East London Railway.	Brighton Railway.	South Eastern Railway.	Metropolitan Railway.	City Lines and Extensions.	District Railway.	W. & B. L. T. & S.	Great Eastern Railway.		November, 1915.	November, 1914.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Cross, S.E.R.	263 0 10	...	...	427 9 7	67 3 10	27 7 2	48 7 9	6 17 0		840 6 2	643 19 9
Do. L.B.S.C.	369 13 8	...	...	331 12 2	53 4 9	28 6 8	62 3 4	29 6 4		874 6 11	657 11 9
Surrey Docks .	441 5 10	14 1 2	12 10 5	269 15 8	92 1 10	86 1 7	59 18 5	36 16 8		1,012 11 7	747 7 2
Rotherhithe .	186 6 8	4 0 8	1 15 11	85 19 6	42 8 3	30 8 11	21 13 11	11 12 4		384 6 2	368 4 7
Wapping .	156 18 10	1 12 10	1 11 3	48 12 4	24 19 7	28 8 11	9 17 4	2 3 4		274 4 5	185 16 0
Shadwell .	392 7 7	8 12 5	7 0 11	63 0 9	10 16 0	26 7 8	3 18 3	17 8 7		529 12 2	424 17 3
Whitechapel .	362 2 5	9 6 1	17 0 0	...	...	...	...	0 4 10		388 13 4	320 7 0
Shoreditch .	193 13 0	3 4 0	4 10 0	0 17 8	0 12 6	1 12 6	5 13 11	0 5 10		210 9 5	145 5 2
Totals, Nov., 1915 .	2,365 8 10	40 17 2	44 8 6	1,227 7 8	291 6 9	228 13 5	211 12 11	104 14 11		4,514 10 2	...
Do. Nov., 1914 .	1,974 0 11	41 18 0	25 8 2	809 18	1,188 14 10	142 13 0	154 16 6	95 19 2		...	3,433 8 8

COACHING RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER, 1915, IN COMPARISON WITH DECEMBER, 1914.

STATIONS.	BOOKINGS TO								TOTAL RECEIPTS.	
	East London Railway.	Brighton Railway.	South Eastern Railway.	Metropolitan Railway.	City Lines and Extensions.	District Railway.	W. & B. L. T. & S.	Great Eastern Railway.	December, 1915.	December, 1914.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Cross, S.E.R.	279 7 2	...	...	519 0 7	74 12 1	31 19 0	58 2 10	7 18 0	970 19 8	714 10 8
Do. L.B.S.C.	378 10 8	...	...	423 13 10	64 5 9	38 7 8	80 15 9	54 0 6	1,039 14 2	780 14 0
Surrey Docks	469 10 6	18 17 10	13 6 3	317 15 6	99 8 6	99 10 2	71 15 6	41 6 9	1,121 10 11	898 19 9
Rotherhithe	204 12 3	5 8 10	1 10 9	96 7 5	44 6 6	32 1 5	26 11 2	12 5 3	423 3 7	348 8 10
Wapping	166 16 6	2 8 1	1 6 7	56 8 7	27 15 10	27 1 6	15 1 11	2 16 11	299 15 11	223 14 0
Shadwell	451 10 10	12 3 9	9 4 2	71 12 0	12 10 4	33 3 2	5 7 9	16 11 4	612 3 4	484 8 7
Whitechapel	383 7 7	12 15 7	18 9 0	...	...	...	...	0 2 5	414 14 7	354 14 2
Shoreditch	209 7 3	3 4 3	6 11 1	1 0 7	0 14 0	1 3 1	5 0 10	0 1 6	227 2 7	164 16 6
Totals, Dec., 1915	2,533 2 9	54 18 4	50 7 10	1,465 18 5	323 13 0	263 6 0	262 15 9	135 2 8	5,109 4 9	...
Do. Dec., 1914	2,166 8 2	60 15 9	32 10 9	998 0 2	214 7 0	166 19 4	199 7 1	131 18 3	...	3,970 6 6

COACHING RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY, 1916, IN COMPARISON WITH JANUARY, 1915.

STATIONS.	BOOKINGS TO								TOTAL RECEIPTS.	
	East London Railway.	Brighton Railway.	South Eastern Railway.	Metropolitan Railway.	City Lines and Extensions.	District Railway.	W. & B. L. T. & S.	Great Eastern Railway.	January, 1916.	January, 1915.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Cross, S.E.R.	282 12 4	...	...	493 8 1	71 8 7	31 3 7	57 18 2	7 17 9	944 8 6	708 14 11
Do. L.B.S.C.	390 17 2	...	...	394 1 8	61 0 7	40 3 6	74 8 5	39 19 10	1,000 11 2	772 17 2
Surrey Docks	467 6 8	14 12 10	12 11 5	314 6 1	91 13 6	101 8 2	68 9 10	36 7 7	1,106 16 1	904 15 6
Rotherhithe	199 9 0	4 1 2	1 16 7	92 10 6	40 6 3	28 19 4	25 16 11	13 1 2	406 0 10	344 9 5
Wapping	187 4 4	1 19 5	1 9 2	54 0 2	26 5 3	31 12 7	13 19 10	2 18 1	299 8 10	224 0 2
Shadwell	443 3 11	10 13 9	9 11 2	65 17 6	12 0 2	28 18 4	5 0 4	16 17 11	592 3 1	503 19 3
Whitechapel	386 11 8	16 17 6	13 17 1	...	...	...	...	0 4 2	416 10 5	363 1 9
Shoreditch	205 14 8	2 15 10	3 6 11	0 18 1	0 3 5	0 19 7	5 6 5	0 0 7	219 10 6	175 2 2
Totals, Jan., 1916	2,541 19 9	51 0 6	42 12 4	1,415 2 0	303 2 9	263 5 1	250 19 11	117 7 1	4,985 9 5	...
Do. Jan., 1915	2,212 1 7	47 5 7	24 11 6	992 17 9	230 14 11	194 15 5	189 6 8	105 6 11	...	3,907 0 4

From

East London Line

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Brighton

South Eastern

Metropolitan

City Lines

District Line

W. & B. ; & L. T. & S.

Great Eastern Line

Totals

East L.

Return Tickets are

Corresponding

NUMBER of Passengers booked to, from, and over the East London Line for the months of

July, August, September, October, November and December, 1915.

From	To and over	July, 1915.	August, 1915.	Septem- ber, 1915.	October, 1915.	Novem- ber, 1915.	Decem- ber, 1915.	Six Months' Totals.	Corre- sponding Totals.
East London Line	Brighton Line	3,551	2,744	2,216	2,043	1,938	2,414	14,906	24,285
"	South Eastern Line	2,142	3,138	2,562	1,748	1,792	1,977	13,359	7,379
"	Metropolitan	91,887	91,662	86,491	93,377	93,382	108,420	565,219	362,008
"	City Lines	28,556	27,939	28,487	32,566	35,048	38,659	191,255	186,447
"	District Line	13,310	13,538	12,036	13,961	14,601	16,490	83,936	53,992
"	W. & B. ; & L.T. & S.	12,754	12,321	11,828	13,494	13,514	16,501	80,612	59,076
"	Great Eastern Line	8,619	9,315	6,531	7,121	6,329	6,803	44,718	34,400
"	East London	6,808	6,088	5,992	6,093	6,012	6,417	37,410	34,934
Brighton	"	1,748	2,510	1,818	1,529	1,516	1,500	10,621	13,293
South Eastern	"	63,402	64,377	65,319	68,731	68,879	79,931	410,639	248,096
Metropolitan	"	20,090	20,720	20,263	24,263	24,574	26,021	135,931	79,091
City Lines	"	9,698	9,064	10,323	11,105	12,444	13,771	66,405	39,075
District Line	"	37,124	35,614	35,556	40,578	39,314	42,409	230,595	165,530
W. & B. ; & L. T. & S.	"	5,407	7,960	6,635	7,745	6,907	7,141	41,795	44,398
Great Eastern Line	"								
Totals of Through		305,096	307,190	296,057	324,354	326,250	368,454	1,927,401	1,289,904
East London Local		417,099	414,525	414,115	435,845	428,833	454,993	2,565,410	2,010,536
Return Tickets are doubled.									
Totals		722,195	721,715	710,172	760,199	755,083	823,447	4,492,811	...
Corresponding Totals 1914		543,332	468,759	499,747	675,303	567,194	640,305	...	3,990,440

EAST LONDON RAILWAY JOINT COMMITTEE.

MEETING :

CANNON STREET HOTEL, LONDON, 19th April, 1916.

PRESENT :

BRIGHTON COMPANY	.	REAR ADMIRAL THE HON. THOS. SEYMOUR BRAND.
CHATHAM	"	Sir FRANCIS H. DENT.
DISTRICT	"	ERNEST LAW, Esq. MURRAY GRIFFITH, Esq.
EAST LONDON	"	WM. MILLWOOD, Esq. Mr. LACEY.
GREAT EASTERN	"	Messrs. PARNWELL and PARKER for Mr. H. W. THORNTON.
METROPOLITAN	"	The Rt. Hon. LORD ABERCONWAY. The Hon. EVELYN HUBBARD. Mr. R. H. SELBIE.
SOUTH EASTERN	"	The Rt. Hon. LORD HOTHFIELD. Sir FRANCIS H. DENT.

IN ATTENDANCE :

Mr. PARSONS, *Secretary and Manager.*

The Rt. Hon. LORD HOTHFIELD *in the Chair.*

3383. Minutes.

THE MINUTES of the Committee's Meeting of the 9th February last, having been printed and circulated, were declared correct, and were signed.

3384. Rent of Line due 1st April, 1916. (3373).

REPORTED—

That in accordance with Minute 3373 of 9th February last, each of the Lessee Companies having contributed £1,000, the rent due East London Company, £15,000, less tax, had been paid to that Company on the 1st instant.

3385. Accounts, year ending 31st December, 1915.

SUBMITTED audited Accounts and Balance Sheet, showing a debit balance, for the year 1915, of £3,004 18s. 7d.

RESOLVED—

That these Accounts be circulated with this day's minutes.

3386. Division of Responsibility under Lease.

SUBMITTED the following Statement of Contributions of the Lessee Companies towards the loss on Working the Line from 1st January to 31st December, 1915, compiled to accord with Arbitrator's Award of 12th December, 1892 :—

AMOUNT OF LOSS—YEAR, 1915 £3,004 18 7

APPORTIONMENT—

Year, 1914.	Company.	Percentage under Award.	Amount of Contribution.	
£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
4,286 3 2	Brighton	17 ⁹ / ₁₀ %	525 17 3	
4,286 3 2	South Eastern	17 ⁹ / ₁₀ %	525 17 3	
3,061 10 9	Chatham	12 ³ / ₁₀ %	375 12 4	
4,286 3 2	Metropolitan	17 ⁹ / ₁₀ %	525 17 3	
4,286 3 2	District	17 ⁹ / ₁₀ %	525 17 3	
4,286 3 2	Great Eastern	17 ⁹ / ₁₀ %	525 17 3	
£24,492 6 7	Total	100 %	£3,004 18 7	£3,004 18 7

RESOLVED—

That the figures be acted upon by payment at once of the balances shown as due, subject to future adjustment of any error.

3387. Electrification (Pumps). (3357).

REPORTED—

That the work on the pumps at Rotherhithe had been completed, and they were working electrically, some clearing up work only, at both pumping stations, remaining to be done.

3388. Electrification. New Cross Staff Box. (3359).

The Secretary reported that on submitting the scheme, sanctioned by Minute 3359 for the improved working at New Cross Staff Box, to the Board of Trade (Railway Department), that authority withheld its consent; upon which the Engineer was asked to report on the matter, and proposed an alternative in order to obtain some alleviation in the slow working of this Box.

His report and suggestion were submitted to the General Managers for their consideration, with the result that four companies agreed to recommend that the work should be carried out, but the South Eastern and Chatham Cos., while agreeing to the principal portion of it, took exception to the provision of the Electric Staff and Tablet for which the estimate is about £100.

SUBMITTED Engineer's report as follows :—

REPORT FROM MR. P. C. TEMPEST, ENGINEER, S.E. & C. RAILWAY,
DATED 29th NOVEMBER, 1915.

"EAST LONDON RAILWAY—NEW CROSS STAFF BOX."

"I have perused the copy of your recent correspondence with the Assistant Secretary, Board of Trade (Railway Department), with reference to the proposal to extend the semi-automatic and track control working of the recent electrified lines to the single line between New Cross Staff Box and New Cross Station (S.E. & C. Railway) and the withholding by that Authority of their consent thereto.

"The scheme submitted was prepared upon remarks made by the Board of Trade Inspector at the time he examined the re-arranged signalling on the double-line portion of the system, and which was taken by all present to imply that in his opinion the single line portion should be treated in the same way, and this was strengthened by the Inspector's reference thereto in his report. The scheme was accordingly developed, approved by the Superintendents, and finally upon the recommendation of the General Managers was ordered to be carried out (see Minute 3,359, 20th October, 1915) subject to the Board of Trade provisional approval being obtained.

"The paragraph referred to in the Board of Trade report is as follows:—

"The method of working this section of single line, about 50 chains in length, having regard to the fact that about 250 trains are booked to pass over it daily, cannot be described as very efficient or up-to-date."

"And in answer to your request for an interpretation of its meaning, the present Inspector is of opinion that this should be taken to mean that an Electric Staff or Tablet should be substituted for the present Staff and Ticket."

"If this interpretation is correct, it implies that the Staff and Ticket system is considered to be out of date, but it is still published as one of the alternatives under Instruction "C," and if it is so, it should be deleted from the requirements."

"Had the Inspector who examined the line, and who is on active service, been at the Board of Trade now, I think there is no doubt that the scheme would have been accepted, and its adoption would have assisted considerably in speeding up the traffic."

"The above Inspector allowed on this (S. E. & C.) Railway, where single line working had to be put into operation for some months, mechanical control of the same under block rules, without track circuits, pilotman, staff or tickets. He personally inspected it and was fully satisfied, and there are single line sections on other railways similarly controlled."

"The scheme submitted was in many ways similar to this with the addition of complete track control, and would be as safe as any signaling installed."

"As permission is refused, I would suggest that the New Cross Staff Box, which requires rebuilding, should be put up on a site on the opposite side of the line near the S. E. Rly. Bridge, and so arranged that the staff can be handed out and received by the signalman without leaving the door of the box; by this arrangement considerable time will be saved on the present working."

"The signaling at present in situ can be coupled up to the new box, and electric staff substituted for the present staff and ticket working. I estimate the whole cost of the work at £250. 0s. 0d. (eight hundred and fifty pounds), and of this sum £350. 0s. 0d. (three hundred and fifty pounds) is chargeable to maintenance on account of the new cabin."

RESOLVED—

That the Engineer's suggested improvement be carried out, excepting in so far as concerns the Electric Staff, which latter is to be brought up at next meeting of Committee.

3389. Quinquennial Re-valuations, 1915 (3346).

SUBMITTED Joint Surveyors' Report on present position:—

JOINT SURVEYORS' REPORT DATED 12th APRIL, 1916.

"EAST LONDON RAILWAY JOINT COMMITTEE, VALUATION (METROPOLEAN) ACT, 1869.

"QUINQUENNIAL VALUATIONS: BODENHAM OF BETHNAL GREEN, STEFNEY, DICKENSDOWN AND DEPTFORD.

"Referring to our report to the Committee of the 17th December last, wherein it was suggested that Counsel's opinion be taken on the contentious we had put forward: Messrs. Bristows, Cooke & Carpenter have prepared and submitted a case for the opinion of Mr. Walter Hyde, K.C., who advises the Committee to appeal to Quarter Sessions, he being of opinion that the decision of the Court of Appeal against the East London Joint Committee, in 1910, was wrong. Following upon Counsel's advice, Notices of Appeal have been lodged and the case will be heard at an early date after Easter."

"We are, in conjunction with Messrs. Bristows, Cooke & Carpenter, preparing the case in support of the Committee's Appeal."

"The Gross Receipts in the several parishes for the year ending June, 1914, have been extracted by Mr. W. W. Renwick, a retired audit official of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway; and Mr. P. C. Tempest, the Committee's Engineer, is furnishing us with the necessary data in respect to the cost of maintenance, and renewal of the Permanent Way and Works. The evidence of Mr. Tempest will, if necessary, be supported by Mr. Wilcox, the Engineer to the Metropolitan Railway."

"Messrs. A. L. Ryde and P. M. Faraday, two Rating Surveyors, have been retained on behalf of the Committee, and Mr. W. J. Grialing, Chief Traffic Manager of the Great Northern Railway, has been consulted with a view to his giving expert advice on the traffic possibilities, and the value of the line from a traffic point of view."

"Endeavour will be made to settle with the Adversers to the Local Authorities, questions of fact with a view of limiting the scope of the enquiry to the principles involved."

"Mr. Ryde, K.C., and Mr. Konstan have been retained as Counsel."

"SIDNEY E. HITCHCOCK,
"S. A. PARNWELL."

JOINT SURVEYORS' REPORT DATED 17TH DECEMBER, 1915.

"THE EAST LONDON RAILWAY JOINT COMMITTEE.

"VALUATION (METROPOLIS) ACT 1869—QUINQUENNIAL VALUATIONS.

"BOROUGH OF BETHNAL GREEN, STEPNEY, BERMONDSEY AND DEPTFORD.

"On the 7th July 1915 we submitted the figures which had been inserted in the Quinquennial Valuations lists against the several properties in the occupation of the Joint Committee showing a proposed increase of the existing rateable value from £5,268 to £10,309.

"Notices of Objection were served and we have appeared before the Assessment Committees in support, the result being that the proposed increase has been reduced from £5,041 to £1,312.

"The details are as follows:—

Parish or Borough.	Description of Property.	Rateable Value.		
		Present Assessment.	Assessments Objected to.	Assessment Committees' Decision.
		£	£	£
Bethnal Green	Line of Railway	200	250	225
	Shoreditch Station			
Mile End N.T.	Line of Railway	20	20	13
Whitechapel	Line of Railway	128	440	273
	Whitechapel Station	150	303	150
Mile End O.T.	Line of Railway	150	511	318
St. George-in-the-East	Line of Railway	246	1,363	847
	Shadwell Station	125	150	125
Shadwell	Line of Railway	21	42	26
Wapping	Line of Railway	115	426	265
	Wapping Station		155	75
Bermondsey	Line of Railway	1,368	2,280	1,368
	Rotherhithe Station			
	Pumping Stations	750	1,043	900
	Surrey Docks Station			
	Transformer Sub-Station			
Deptford	Line of Railway	1,995	3,326	1,995
		£5,268	10,309	6,580

"BOROUGH OF BETHNAL GREEN.

"The increase of £25 proposed by the Assessment Committee is small and as the assessment embraces both line and station we recommend the Joint Committee to accept the decision.

"BOROUGH OF STEPNEY.

"The decision results in the existing station Assessments being continued and the total for the line decreased from £2,802 to £1,742 leaving a net increase of £1,137 over the former value which will involve the Joint Committee in an increased annual payment for rates of approximately £560.

"The present line assessment works out at the rate of £444 per mile as compared with a Rateable Value per mile in Bermondsey of £1,412 and the Assessment Committee now contend that the Court in fixing their Rateable Value made an arithmetical miscalculation and that the rate per mile should be approximately the same throughout the line.

"With regard to their first contention, we submit they have no right to attempt to interpret the intention of the Court; on their second point, we should be disposed to agree in principle assuming the rate per mile was acceptable to us.

"BOROUGH OF BERMONDSEY.

"The proposed increase on the line of railway has been abandoned and the increased assessment on Rotherhithe Station and Pumping Station, Surrey Docks Station and Pumping Station and on the Transformer Sub-Station has been reduced from £293 to £150.

"We are of opinion that the increase on the Stations is not excessive having regard to the outlay on Machinery, but for the sake of uniformity if it is decided to appeal against the line assessment, the Stations might be included with a view to a further possible reduction.

"BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.

"The proposed increase of £1,331 in this Borough has been abandoned and the existing assessment of £1,995 restored.

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"We have carefully reviewed the Joint Committee's position and we feel having regard to the large outlay on electrification and the very great accretion to the number of passengers carried in 1914 as compared with 1909, that we shall have great difficulty in persuading the same Tribunal who fixed the existing assessments, that the property is now of less value than when the matter was previously before them in 1909, but as an increase in Stepney is insisted upon, we consider our hands are forced.

"We would direct the Joint Committee's attention to the following comments.

"In our Notices of Objection we asked that the line of railway should be assessed at a nominal figure but we were always of opinion that the past history of the litigation would form a very difficult obstacle to a successful application for such an assessment.

"The Rating Authorities have contended that a line of this kind should not be rated solely on the purely parochial principle, that is, on the basis of Gross Receipts and Expenses, but regard should be had to its geographical position and to the intrinsic value by which the systems of the partners in this line are enhanced by reason of their partnership in the line.

"Since the matter was last before the Courts the case of the Hammersmith and City Railway v. the Borough of Kensington and Hammersmith has been taken to the House of Lords with the result that the Railway Company have established a principle that a connecting line between the Metropolitan and Great Western systems is to be rated as an integral part of those two systems and that the parochial method of Gross Receipts and Expenses is the right one and that as the line does not pay, parochially, it is rated at a nominal figure.

"Great hopes were entertained that such a result would enable the East London Line to be rated at a nominal figure, but each of the Law Lords in giving their judgment clearly distinguished the East London Railway case, although they have never had an East London case before them.

"The Committee's legal advisers will doubtless advise them as to the real value of the statements of the Law Lords, but in the meantime we are of opinion that the chances of success of the East London Railway case have not been enhanced by the Hammersmith and City Judgment.

"We feel that in order to succeed we must establish a new point of Law as to the principle upon which the Court may decide the assessment.

"Hitherto the Joint Committee has contended that no hypothetical tenant would take their line except at a nominal figure. The Courts have had this argument before them on four occasions and have rejected it.

"The Rating Authorities have contended that any one or more of the five lessee Companies would be willing to pay a substantial rent for the line in order to control or conserve traffic over their own system and that this rent is the measure of the Rateable Value. This is we think a fallacy and our view is that we should admit that the line is worth a substantial rent of say for example, the existing assessment of £3,968 and then argue that this is not the 'Rating' Rent, the ground of our contention being that the amount by which the rent had been inflated in consideration of profits to be earned elsewhere should for rating purposes be ignored, for the reason that such increased profits have already been assessed elsewhere in conformity with the Case Law on this point.

"If this contention were upheld the Joint Committee's rating would be substantially reduced.

"We would suggest to the Joint Committee that before a decision as to prosecuting appeals is come to, Counsel's opinion be obtained on the contention we have put forward.

"Signed { "SIDNEY E. HITCHCOCK,
 { "S. A. PARNWELL,
 "Joint Surveyors."

After approval of General Managers to the course proposed, Counsel's opinion was obtained:—

COPY OF LETTER FROM MESSRS. BRISTOWS, COOKE & CARPMAEL,
DATED 11th JAN., 1916.

"QUINQUENNIAL RE-VALUATIONS.

"We enclose for your information a copy of Mr. Ryde's opinion as to the desirability of appealing against the new Assessments. This opinion was taken on the instructions of the Rating Surveyors.

"We may say that we entirely concur in the desirability of taking the Appeal, at any rate as far as Quarter Sessions, in the hope of being able to obtain a case for the High Court founded on the evidence given and not on conjecture as the cases stated in the past have been.

"If this opportunity were allowed to pass, it would probably be more difficult to appeal against the Assessments on a future occasion, as it is points of principle that are involved rather than of amount.

"The Notices of Appeal to Quarter Sessions have to be given by the 14th instant, and we have therefore on the instructions of the Rating Surveyors acting under the authority of the Minute No. 3346 of the Joint Committee, given Notices of Appeal.

"The Appeals are seven in number as it is decided not to appeal in the case of Bethnal Green where the Line of Railway and Station are assessed together, or in the case of the Hamlet of Mile End New Town where the difference between the Assessment and the amount contended for by the Rating Surveyors is only £3.

"It is not proposed in any of the Parishes to appeal against the Assessments of the Stations but only in respect of the Line of Railway.

"The cases on Appeal will have to be prepared and lodged by the 1st February and we are taking steps accordingly."

" re EAST LONDON RAILWAY.

" OPINION.

"I advise the Joint Committee to appeal to Quarter Sessions against the assessments recently made. I am and have always been of opinion that the decision of the Court of Appeal against the quinquennial list of 1910 was wrong even on the case as it was submitted to them. That decision was referred to by the House of Lords in the recent appeal by the *Western and Metropolitan Railway Companies* as to the Hammersmith and City Railway as being on facts distinguishable from the case then before them, and from the facts in the *Banbury case*; at least this is what one would gather from the judgments. In reality in the course of the argument it was contended for the railway companies that the case of the Hammersmith and City Railway was governed by the decision of the House of Lords in the *Banbury case*, and that the *East London Railway case* was inconsistent with that decision, and the House of Lords suggested more than once in the course of the argument that it was not necessary to discuss whether the *East London case* was inconsistent with the *Banbury case*, because it had proceeded on the assumption that the facts of the *East London case* were distinguishable from the facts in the *Banbury case*. In my opinion if the case were re-argued before the House of Lords there is good prospect of success in satisfying the House that the facts affecting the *East London Railway* are for rating purposes not distinguishable from the *Banbury case* or from the recent Hammersmith and City Railway case.

"It is important to remember in considering whether to appeal or not, that the appeal this year will not be heard before the same Chairman who decided the *East London case*, but before the Chairman who decided in favour of the railway companies in the *Hammersmith and City Railway case*, and whose decision was upheld in the House of Lords. When the *East London case* was granted the then chairman, Mr. Loveland Loveland, refused to grant a case on certain points which were put before him. There is in my opinion a good chance of getting a case more fairly stated, so as to raise the real point which the Joint Committee desire to raise, and in my opinion it would be a good plan to argue *inter alia* that either (1) none of the railway companies would give any rent at all, or (2) if they gave a rent, would only give it for the line in order to earn profits on their own main lines in other parishes.

"If the case were fairly drawn raising this point with others I think there would be a good prospect that it would succeed in the House of Lords. At all events if the Joint Committee cannot get a properly stated Case at Quarter Sessions they can then elect to proceed no further. I think however the Joint Committee must be prepared to take a case up to the House of Lords, although possibly some part of the expense might be saved if the Joint Committee gave notice to the Assessment Committees before the hearing in the Divisional Court and the Court of Appeal that they admitted that in those Courts respectively the decision of the Court of Appeal given five years ago must prevail. If such a notice were given possibly merely nominal costs of obtaining the formal orders would be allowed on taxation. Of course if the Appeal ultimately succeeded in the House of Lords, the Appellants in the ordinary course would recover all their costs both there and in the Courts below.

"2, MITRE COURT BUILDINGS, TEMPLE,

"January 7th, 1916.

"NOTE.—As the assessments on the stations are not very large, and as the amounts charged thereon must be treated as deductions from the value of the running line, it would probably be politic not to appeal against the station assessments. If the Joint Committee did appeal against those assessments and failed, that might be a reason for depriving them of costs, even if they succeeded as to the running line.

APPROVED.

"WALTER C. RYDE."

3390. District Co. and W. and B. Committees' Act, 1906 (3188 and 3212).

SUBMITTED letter from Messrs. Bristows re "Grant of Easement."

RESOLVED—

That the Secretary is hereby authorised to execute, on behalf of the Joint Committee, the grant of easement provided for in the Minutes 3188 and 3212.

3391. Prosecution.

REPORTED—

That on 31st March last a passenger was convicted of fraudulent travelling, and fined 10s., and one guinea costs.

3392. Meetings, 1916.

The following dates were fixed for the Committee's meetings in 1916:—

July 12th,
October 11th,
December 13th,

being Wednesdays, at 2.30 p.m.

The Chairman of the last meeting to call an interim meeting if it is considered necessary.

3393. Traffic Receipts.

The figures of Committee's earnings are omitted as they have not been cleared.

3394. Bankers' Pass Books SUBMITTED, with Bankers' Statement, showing credit balances to date:—

Deposit Account . . . £2,000.
Current " . . . £1,720 3s. 9d.

3395. Cheques SIGNED for £1,729 10s. 0d., Cheques for £16,398 5s. 0d. (Wages, Rates, Gas, Maintenance Rent of Line, etc.) reported signed since last meeting.

3396. Return of Receipts and Passengers.

SUBMITTED the following statements:—

COACHING RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1916, IN COMPARISON WITH FEBRUARY, 1915.

STATIONS.	BOOKINGS TO								TOTAL RECEIPTS.	
	East London Railway.	Brighton Railway.	South Eastern Railway.	Metropolitan Railway.	City Lines and Extensions.	District Railway.	W. & B. L. T. & S.	Great Eastern Railway.	February, 1916.	February, 1915.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Cross, S.E.R.	250 3 7	...	...	436 7 3	63 11 4	27 19 11	49 9 5	7 5 8	834 17 4	670 10 8
Do. L.B.S.C.	350 16 11	...	...	349 0 11	55 3 9	34 5 1	59 15 2	29 9 1	875 8 11	731 10 4
Surrey Docks	403 0 3	12 17 9	11 3 6	287 14 1	81 7 1	59 0 7	57 1 7	30 0 11	972 8 9	786 9 0
Rotherhithe	186 11 0	3 18 1	1 7 5	87 9 1	40 8 11	28 10 6	23 14 4	10 8 2	382 8 0	317 11 7
Wapping	167 8 4	2 1 8	0 18 1	49 12 8	25 8 0	26 14 3	11 6 4	1 19 10	275 9 2	201 17 4
Shadwell	376 13 8	9 14 9	5 15 8	65 3 3	12 19 2	29 8 4	5 19 6	16 11 7	522 5 11	442 5 7
Whitechapel	349 0 11	13 18 9	6 9 5	...	...	...	...	0 4 4	369 13 5	320 2 7
Shoreditch	197 6 4	3 8 4	0 17 1	1 0 2	0 10 0	1 7 2	5 18 9	0 2 4	210 10 2	169 11 3
Totals, Feb., 1916	2,271 1 6	45 19 4	26 11 2	1,276 7 7	279 8 3	237 5 10	213 3 1	96 1 11	4,445 18 8	...
Do. Feb., 1915	1,995 6 7	39 18 7	22 18 7	931 18 4	217 3 10	154 17 4	170 0 10	97 14 3	...	3,629 18 4

COACHING RECEIPTS FOR MARCH, 1916, IN COMPARISON WITH MARCH, 1915.

STATIONS.	BOOKINGS TO										TOTAL RECEIPTS.	
	East London Railway.	Brighton Railway.	South Eastern Railway.	Metropolitan Railway.	City Lines and Extensions.	District Railway.	W. & B. L. T. & S.	Great Eastern Railway.	March, 1916.	March, 1915.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Cross, S.E.R.	274 10 4	...	...	462 16 10	73 1 8	28 14 9	57 9 6	6 7 7	993 0 8	746 4 5	...	...
Do. L.B.S.C.	378 13 8	...	...	391 14 5	65 0 0	36 11 2	69 9 7	35 10 9	977 8 7	790 2 11	...	...
Surrey Docks	431 11 11	13 1 2	12 0 5	311 14 9	95 5 6	91 0 7	58 0 2	27 8 6	1,040 3 0	919 12 10	...	...
Rotherhithe	196 6 0	4 10 1	1 8 10	95 2 5	44 17 6	32 9 4	25 17 9	12 12 0	413 3 11	362 7 10	...	...
Wapping	166 18 4	1 10 4	1 5 3	56 8 3	31 15 5	32 15 2	15 8 3	3 10 2	309 11 2	238 8 5	...	...
Shadwell	387 16 2	9 6 6	6 3 7	70 7 2	15 0 1	31 12 4	6 11 0	17 18 7	544 15 5	499 13 1	...	...
Whitechapel	371 15 3	12 19 2	5 18 2	...	...	...	...	0 6 6	300 19 1	349 18 11	...	...
Shoreditch	211 12 6	1 18 8	1 3 9	1 7 8	0 13 9	1 15 4	5 19 3	0 2 10	224 13 9	171 14 0	...	...
Totals, Mar., 1916	2,419 4 2	43 5 11	28 0 0	1,389 11	6,325 13 11	254 18 8	238 15 6	104 5 11	4,803 15 7	...	...	...
Do. Mar., 1915	2,273 16 8	39 10 7	25 10 5	1,023 7	5,243 12 4	186 14 2	174 7 7	101 3 3	...	4,068 2 5	...	...

NUMBER of Passengers booked to, from, and over the East London Line for the months of September, October, November and December, 1915, and January and February, 1916.

From	To and over	September, 1915.	October, 1915.	November, 1915.	December, 1915.	January, 1916.	February, 1916.	Six Months' Totals.	Corresponding Totals.
East London Line	Brighton Line	2,216	2,043	1,938	2,414	2,229	2,086	12,926	11,761
"	South Eastern Line	2,562	1,748	1,792	1,977	1,632	996	10,707	5,850
"	Metropolitan	86,491	93,377	93,382	108,420	105,352	97,645	584,667	592,591
"	City Lines	28,487	32,566	35,048	38,659	36,197	34,322	205,279	141,604
"	District Line	12,036	13,961	14,601	16,490	16,573	15,466	89,127	58,021
"	W. & B. ; & L. T. & S.	11,828	13,494	13,514	16,501	16,092	14,306	85,735	62,716
"	Great Eastern Line	6,531	7,121	6,329	6,803	6,471	5,187	38,442	31,832
Brighton	East London	5,992	6,093	6,012	6,417	6,426	6,337	37,277	30,387
South Eastern	"	1,818	1,529	1,516	1,500	1,614	1,679	9,656	10,133
Metropolitan	"	65,319	68,731	68,879	79,931	75,593	67,451	425,904	280,620
City Lines	"	20,263	24,263	24,574	26,021	24,760	22,864	142,745	93,274
District Line	"	10,323	11,105	12,444	13,771	13,513	11,498	72,654	45,811
W. & B. ; & L. T. & S.	"	35,556	40,578	39,314	42,409	41,615	37,900	237,372	178,473
Great Eastern Line	"	6,635	7,745	6,907	7,141	6,580	5,187	40,195	31,001
Totals of Through		296,057	324,354	326,250	368,454	354,647	322,924	1,992,686	1,374,684
East London Local		414,115	435,845	428,833	454,993	455,451	409,956	2,599,193	2,176,804
Return Tickets are doubled.									
Totals		710,172	760,199	755,083	823,447	810,098	732,880	4,591,879	...
Corresponding Totals 1914 and 1915		499,747	575,203	567,194	646,305	662,233	600,786	...	3,551,493

EAST LONDON RAILWAY JOINT COMMITTEE.

MEETING :

CANNON STREET HOTEL, LONDON, 12th July, 1916.

PRESENT :

BRIGHTON COMPANY	.	REAR ADMIRAL THE HON. THOS. SEYMOUR BRAND. SIR WILLIAM FORBES.
CHATHAM	„	SIR FRANCIS H. DENT.
DISTRICT	„	ERNEST LAW, ESQ. MURRAY GRIFFITH, ESQ.
EAST LONDON	„	WM. MILLWOOD, ESQ. COL. A. G. A. DURAND, C.B., C.I.E. MR. LACEY.
GREAT EASTERN	„	LORD CLAUD J. HAMILTON, M.P. MR. H. W. THORNTON. MR. PARKER.
METROPOLITAN	„	THE RT. HON. LORD ABERCONWAY. MR. R. H. SELBIE.
SOUTH EASTERN	„	THE RT. HON. LORD HOTHFIELD. WILLIAM MEWBURN, ESQ. SIR FRANCIS H. DENT.

IN ATTENDANCE :

MR. PARSONS, *Secretary and Manager.*

LORD CLAUD J. HAMILTON, M.P., *in the Chair.*

3397. Minutes.

THE MINUTES of the Committee's Meeting of the 19th April last, having been printed and circulated, were declared correct, and were signed.

3398. Solicitors' Charges—Half-year ending 30th June, 1916.

SUBMITTED Messrs. Bristows Bill of Costs as under :—

	£	s.	d.
<i>re</i> Parliamentary	1	1	0
<i>re</i> Prosecutions, less costs recovered	3	6	3
<i>re</i> Claims	1	15	0
<i>re</i> Whitechapel Easement	6	14	8
	<u>£12</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>

APPROVED, and to be paid.

3399. Division of Responsibility under Lease (3386).

SUBMITTED agreements from all Companies to the figures for year ending 31st December, 1915.

3400. Rent of Line due 1st October, 1916.

RESOLVED—

That £15,000 the half-year's rent be paid to the East London Company on 1st October next.

3401. Electrification.—New Cross Staff Box (3388).

The deferred matter of the provision of Electric Staff for this section was considered, and it was

RESOLVED—

That Electric Staff and Tablets be provided, at the estimated cost of £100.

3402. Quinquennial Re-Valuations, 1915 (3389).

SUBMITTED Joint Surveyors' Reports, as under :—

"QUINQUENNIAL REVALUATION, 1915.

"EAST LONDON RAILWAY v. BOROUGHs OF STEPNEY, BERMONDSEY AND GREENWICH.

"With reference to our reports submitted to the Joint Committee on 19th April (Minute 3389), the appeals were heard at the London Quarter Sessions on the 9th, 10th, and 11th inst. before Sir Robert Wallace, K.C. and a bench of magistrates.

"Judgment was given in favour of the Joint Committee and the Rateable Value of the Line of Railway reduced from £5,092 to £100. The Respondents were ordered to pay the Joint Committee's costs.

"The decision, details of which are set out on the attached statement, will, subject to the Respondents' right of appeal, result in an annual saving in Rates of about £2,290.

"SIDNEY E. HITCHCOCK,

"S. A. PARNWELL,

"Joint Surveyors.

"16th May, 1916."

"EAST LONDON RAILWAY JOINT COMMITTEE ASSESSMENTS.

BOROUGH OR PARISH.	RATEABLE VALUES.			
	Old Assessments.	NEW ASSESSMENTS.		
		Proposed by Borough Valuers.	Assessments Committee's Decision after objection by Jt. Surveyors.	Decision of Quarter Sessions.
1. LINES OF RAILWAY APPEALED AGAINST.				
<i>Borough of Stepney.</i>	£	£	£	£
Whitechapel	128	440	273	9
Mile End Old Town	150	511	318	7
St. George in the East	245	1,363	847	18
Shadwell	21	42	26	1
Wapping... ..	90*	426	265	6
<i>Borough of Bermondsey</i>	1,368	2,280	1,368	30
<i>Greenwich Union (Deptford)</i>	1,995	3,326	1,995	29
TOTALS	3,998	8,388	5,092	100
2. LINES OF RAILWAY NOT APPEALED AGAINST.				
<i>Borough of Stepney.</i>				
Mile End New Town	20	20	13	13
3. STATIONS (NOT APPEALED AGAINST).				
<i>Borough of Stepney.</i>				
Whitechapel	150	303	150	150
Shadwell	125	150	125	125
Wapping	25	155	75	75
<i>Borough of Bermondsey.</i>				
Rotherhithe and Surrey Docks	400	401	900	900
Transformer Substation	350	644		
<i>Borough of Bethnal Green.</i>				
Shoreditch Station and Line of Railway	200	250	225	225
GRAND TOTALS	5,268	10,311	6,580	1,588

* The line and station in Wapping were not separately rated in the old assessment, and the division has been estimated.

" Referring to our report of the 16th May last, the period during which an appeal by the Respondents in this case could be lodged expires on the 11th instant, and we are credibly informed that no appeal will be lodged.

" The decision of Quarter Sessions will therefore stand, and take immediate effect.

" SIDNEY E. HITCHCOCK,

" S. A. PARNWELL,

" Joint Surveyors.

" 7th July, 1916."

These reports were received with approval, and the Joint Surveyors being called in were complimented and thanked by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee, and it was

RESOLVED—

That an honorarium of £500, be equally divided to the Joint Surveyors, Messrs. Parnwell and Hitchcock.

3403. Meetings, 1916.

The following dates were fixed for the Committee's meetings in 1916 :—
October 11th,
December 13th,

being Wednesdays, at 2.30 p.m.

The Chairman of the last meeting to call an interim meeting if it is considered necessary.

3404. Traffic Receipts.

The figures of Committee's earnings are omitted as they have not been cleared.

3405. Bankers' Pass Books SUBMITTED, with Bankers' Statement, showing credit balances to date :—

Deposit Account . . . £9,000.
Current " . . . £2,891 16s. 8d.

3406. Cheques Signed for £2,633 10s. 7d., Cheques for £6,451 6s. 4d. (Wages, Rates, Gas, Maintenance, etc.) reported signed since last meeting.

3407. Return of Receipts and Passengers.

SUBMITTED the following statements :—

COACHING RECEIPTS FOR APRIL, 1916, IN COMPARISON WITH APRIL, 1915.

STATIONS.	BOOKINGS TO								TOTAL RECEIPTS.	
	East London Railway.	Brighton Railway.	South Eastern Railway.	Metropolitan Railway.	City Lines and Extensions.	District Railway.	W. & B. L. T. & S.	Great Eastern Railway.	April, 1916.	April, 1915.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Cross, S.E.R.	268 6 5	...	...	524 14 3	66 14 1	29 0 6	57 8 11	6 10 7	952 14 9	737 16 3
Do. L.B.S.C.	356 9 5	...	...	415 15 4	53 17 2	36 18 1	75 17 5	62 2 3	1,000 19 8	776 3 5
Surrey Docks .	423 1 7	16 8 6	32 13 1	320 14 2	71 9 0	82 14 10	67 2 1	44 19 0	1,059 7 3	882 15 4
Rotherhithe .	189 15 5	4 2 2	4 7 0	93 11 8	37 1 3	31 7 7	25 4 3	17 0 1	402 9 5	356 2 1
Wapping .	154 15 11	2 5 11	2 11 9	48 7 3	24 15 2	28 8 0	12 18 4	1 18 2	276 0 6	214 0 6
Shadwell .	375 1 8	10 6 0	6 11 11	64 1 1	10 9 0	28 7 11	5 19 9	13 15 6	514 12 10	499 2 10
Whitechapel .	348 4 0	15 4 2	10 4 9	...	...	...	...	0 4 8	373 17 7	347 12 8
Shoreditch .	187 11 7	3 5 5	1 5 6	1 1 2	0 13 2	1 7 3	6 13 8	0 0 2	201 18 4	163 13 9
Totals, Apl., 1916	2,303 6 0	51 12 2	57 19 0	1,468 4 11	264 18 10	238 4 7	251 4 5	146 10 5	4,782 0 4	...
Do. Apl., 1915	2,163 14 7	74 9 8	37 0 8	1,014 12 7	209 5 3	173 19 2	182 13 4	121 11 7	...	3,977 6 10

COACHING RECEIPTS FOR MAY, 1916, IN COMPARISON WITH MAY, 1915.

STATIONS.	BOOKINGS TO								TOTAL RECEIPTS.	
	East London Railway.	Brighton Railway.	South Eastern Railway.	Metropolitan Railway.	City Lines and Extensions.	District Railway.	W. & B. L. T. & S.	Great Eastern Railway.	May, 1916.	May, 1915.
New Cross, S.E.R.	£ s. d. 276 3 10	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 433 4 2	£ s. d. 65 10 8	£ s. d. 26 17 7	£ s. d. 52 9 7	£ s. d. 4 1 1	£ s. d. 858 6 11	£ s. d. 925 5 6
Do. L.B.S.C.	385 7 4	...	...	358 3 1	55 19 0	29 19 2	66 17 9	28 7 11	924 14 3	831 11 11
Surrey Docks	431 6 2	12 17 1	14 15 5	304 14 5	78 3 11	78 1 7	61 4 4	24 15 1	1,005 18 0	1,201 13 6
Rotherhithe	199 6 4	3 7 8	2 13 5	86 18 9	36 11 8	29 18 9	25 9 0	7 17 11	392 3 6	453 16 1
Wapping	163 14 2	1 9 0	0 14 2	51 4 7	29 3 1	31 2 0	10 12 11	2 11 9	290 11 8	245 9 7
Shadwell	399 11 4	9 7 7	6 12 8	59 6 3	12 11 4	27 8 7	5 18 11	8 11 6	529 8 2	507 10 4
Whitechapel	369 1 8	16 6 4	6 10 10	...	...	...	...	0 1 5	392 0 3	360 2 10
Shoreditch	194 3 5	2 3 2	1 5 1	1 1 1	0 12 0	1 9 2	6 1 6	0 1 5	206 16 10	189 4 3
Totals, May, 1916	2,418 14 3	45 10 10	32 11 7	1,294 12 4	278 11 8	224 16 10	228 14 0	76 8 1	4,599 19 7	...
Do. May, 1915	2,315 6 8	87 16 9	94 15 8	1,265 5 8	276 10 5	278 17 1	220 12 10	175 8 11	...	4,714 14 0

COACHING RECEIPTS FOR JUNE, 1916, IN COMPARISON WITH JUNE, 1915.

STATIONS.	BOOKINGS TO								TOTAL RECEIPTS.	
	East London Railway.	Brighton Railway.	South Eastern Railway.	Metropolitan Railway.	City Lines and Extensions.	District Railway.	W. & B. L. T. & S.	Great Eastern Railway.	June, 1916.	June, 1915.
New Cross, S.E.R.	£ s. d. 270 12 9	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 464 6 0	£ s. d. 67 17 0	£ s. d. 24 8 5	£ s. d. 53 4 2	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 880 8 4	£ s. d. 785 4 11
Do. L.B.S.C.	361 14 8	...	...	370 1 3	55 15 11	29 12 8	62 14 3	38 0 4	917 19 1	787 4 5
Surrey Docks	428 5 4	19 13 8	21 11 7	345 11 7	79 19 5	85 18 10	64 8 3	16 1 9	1,061 10 5	945 19 7
Rotherhithe	188 16 3	6 1 7	3 10 7	103 4 4	40 17 8	39 1 10	23 15 0	11 5 0	416 12 3	387 7 7
Wapping	165 9 7	1 17 6	2 12 8	53 7 2	26 9 11	29 16 2	11 18 0	0 11 6	282 2 6	233 11 7
Shadwell	416 14 5	10 12 7	14 14 0	60 13 11	13 14 7	29 5 8	5 13 4	0 3 3	551 11 9	487 14 9
Whitechapel	366 12 10	20 2 10	8 0 7	...	...	...	...	...	394 16 3	360 0 8
Shoreditch	167 18 1	3 13 8	1 11 6	1 2 3	0 12 3	1 11 8	4 16 1	...	181 5 6	188 3 8
Totals, June, 1916	2,356 3 11	62 1 10	52 0 11	1,398 6 6	285 6 9	239 15 3	226 9 1	66 1 10	4,686 6 1	...
Do. June, 1915	2,211 10 7	56 3 0	57 11 4	1,093 11 8	223 17 2	188 8 7	193 1 9	151 2 8	...	4,175 6 9

and

NUMBER of Passengers booked to, from, and over the East London Line for the months of
December, 1915, and January, February, March, April and May, 1916.

From	To and over	Decem- ber, 1915.	January, 1916.	February, 1916.	March, 1916.	April, 1916.	May, 1916.	Six Months' Totals.	Corre- sponding Totals.
East London Line	Brighton Line	2,414	2,229	2,086	2,161	2,134	1,983	13,007	14,164
" " "	South Eastern Line	1,977	1,632	996	1,024	1,901	1,339	8,869	8,579
" " "	Metropolitan "	108,420	105,352	97,645	106,783	104,094	99,650	621,944	490,852
" " "	City Lines	38,659	36,197	34,322	40,292	32,149	34,070	215,689	166,769
" " "	District Line	16,490	16,573	15,466	16,891	14,934	14,577	94,931	75,736
" " "	W. & B. ; & L.T. & S.	16,501	16,092	14,306	16,255	15,656	15,612	94,422	75,111
" " "	Great Eastern Line	6,803	6,471	5,187	5,195	5,469	3,260	32,385	37,898
" " "	East London "	6,417	6,426	6,337	6,901	5,225	6,382	37,688	36,718
Brighton	" " "	1,500	1,614	1,679	1,728	1,780	1,711	10,012	9,481
South Eastern	" " "	79,931	75,593	67,451	73,675	69,163	68,229	434,042	332,232
Metropolitan	" " "	26,021	24,760	22,864	25,032	20,838	21,956	141,471	110,741
City Lines	" " "	13,771	13,513	11,498	13,206	10,062	10,132	72,182	56,432
District Line	" " "	42,409	41,615	37,900	30,858	34,933	38,533	227,248	196,554
W. & B. ; & L. T. & S.	" " "	7,141	6,580	5,187	5,075	4,217	3,100	31,300	36,314
Great Eastern Line	" " "								
Totals of Through		368,454	354,647	322,924	345,076	322,555	321,534	2,035,190	1,612,731
East London Local		454,993	455,451	409,956	438,201	408,846	438,615	2,606,062	2,365,187
Return Tickets are doubled.									
	Totals	823,447	810,098	732,880	783,277	731,401	760,149	4,641,252	...
Corresponding Totals 1914 and 1915		646,305	662,233	600,786	682,536	639,713	746,345	...	3,977,918

EAST LONDON RAILWAY JOINT COMMITTEE.

MEETING :

CANNON STREET HOTEL, LONDON, 11th October, 1916.

PRESENT :

BRIGHTON COMPANY	.	Mr. READDY (for Sir William Forbes).
CHATHAM	..	. The RT. HON. VISCOUNT CHILSTON. Mr. HAYNE (for Sir Francis Dent).
DISTRICT	..	. ERNEST LAW, Esq. MURRAY GRIFFITH, Esq.
EAST LONDON	..	. WM. MILLWOOD, Esq. Col. A. G. A. DURAND, C.B., C.I.E. Mr. LACEY.
GREAT EASTERN	..	. LORD CLAUD J. HAMILTON, M.P. Mr. PARKER (for Mr. H. W. Thornton).
METROPOLITAN	..	. The RT. HON. LORD ABERCONWAY. Mr. R. H. SELBIE.
SOUTH EASTERN	..	. WILLIAM MEWBURN, Esq. Mr. HAYNE (for Sir Francis Dent).

IN ATTENDANCE :

Mr. PARSONS, *Secretary and Manager*.

LORD CLAUD J. HAMILTON, M.P., *in the Chair*.

3408. Minutes.

THE MINUTES of the Committee's Meeting of the 12th July last, having been printed and circulated, were declared correct, and were signed.

3409. Rent of Line due 1st October, 1916. (3400).

REPORTED—

That in accordance with minute 3400 of 12th July last, the rent due East London Company, £15,000, less tax, had been paid to that Company on the 2nd instant.

3410. Electrification. Finance. (3374).

REPORTED—

That cheques have been signed for £1,495 19s. 0d. since last report, making cheques signed to date £87,689 16s. 4d.

Amounts recovered, premium on debentures, and surplus materials £6,334 1s. 6d.; nett expenditure to date, £81,355 14s. 10d.

3411. Rating Appeals. Costs.

READ letter from Messrs. Bristows:—

"COSTS IN RATING APPEALS.

"The costs payable by the Respondent Parishes in connection with the above Appeals having now been adjusted we are able to furnish a full statement of account shewing the legal expenses and payments which fall upon the Joint Committee as not being recoverable from the Respondents.

"These expenses and payments comprise items preliminary to the Appeals such as obtaining the opinion of Counsel as to the desirability of appealing against the assessments, and also certain items incurred during the course of the proceedings which according to the practice of the Court were either not chargeable against the Respondents or were not recoverable in full from them.

"We enclose particulars of these expenses and payments, which summarise as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
" Professional Charges in respect of items not recoverable against the Respondents	41	11	4
" Payments to witnesses in excess of amounts recovered from Respondents	38	10	0
" Payments to Printers and Lithographers in excess of amounts recovered from Respondents	53	19	6
" Respondents	£	s.	d.
" Fees paid to Counsel in excess of amounts recovered from Respondents	60	17	6
" Miscellaneous disbursements in excess of amounts recovered from Respondents	13	9	6
" Respondents		74	7 0
		£208	7 10
" On the 17th May the Committee advanced on account of expenses		950	0 0
" Deducting the above		208	7 10
		£741	12 2
Leaves a balance of			

"We shall be able to send you a cheque for this amount as soon as we receive from the Respondents the amounts payable by them, which we are advised will be about the 12th instant."

REPORTED—

That Messrs. Bristows' accounts are in the hands of the Joint Surveyors for examination and report.

That, in addition, (1) £65 had been paid on Rating Surveyors' certificate, for expenses in getting out the figures of parochial earnings; (2) that 15 guineas had been recovered for the figures prepared and evidence given by the Secretary, and have been paid in to the credit of the Committee's "Rating Expenses."

3412. Government Control.

Re Interest on Capital expenditure on new works brought into use :—

RESOLVED—

That the Accountants of the lessee Companies meet, and consider with the Secretary how the "instructions" are to be applied as concerns this Committee's Electrification expenditure, Electrified Pumping, and Lifts.

3413. Electrification. Metallic Circuiting.

READ letter from Mr. Tempest, Engineer of the S.E. & C.R. as follows :—

" EAST LONDON RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION.

" You will remember that subsequent to the electrification of the East London Railway it was necessary to provide metallic circuiting in order to make the instruments in the Cabins on the Managing Committee's line immune from any possible failure caused by stray electric currents from the electrified line.

" We have recently had trouble at Greenwich Cabin, where the electric repeaters and bell instruments have been affected by stray currents,—and from information to hand from Mr. Cooper it is evident the trouble originated on the East London Railway.

" To altogether prevent further interruptions from a similar cause, metallic circuiting should be provided to the instruments in the Cabins from Deptford to Charlton Junction, the cost of which I estimate at about £420. (Four hundred and twenty pounds).

" As the necessity for this work arises entirely as a result of the East London Railway electrification, the expenditure involved should be debited against that account.

" I shall be glad to hear from you in due course."

RESOLVED—

That this matter is referred to the General Managers.

3414. Parliamentary Solicitor. (3360).

RESOLVED—

That Mr. J. G. Bristow be Parliamentary Solicitor for the ensuing Session.

3415. Passenger Train (Steam) Running Expenses. (3361).

RESOLVED—

That the rate of 1s. 5d. per train mile for trains worked by steam continue in force until 31st December, 1917.

3416. Goods, Minerals and Live Stock Tolls. (3362).

RESOLVED—

That the tolls for the year 1917 be the same as those operating for 1916.

3417. Passenger Traffic Division. (3363).

RESOLVED—

That the division in force for the year 1916 be continued for the year 1917.

3418. Parcels, H. C. & D., etc., Division. (3364).

RESOLVED—

That the division in force for the year 1917 be the same as that for 1916.

3419. Accident to Staff**REPORTED—**

That on 3rd September last, a Pumping Engine Attendant was killed at Rotherhithe by Great Eastern Goods train.

The claim is being settled by the District Co. whose employee the man was.

REPORTED to Board of Trade.

3420. Prosecutions.**REPORTED—**

That on 11th August a passenger, Hicks, was convicted and fined 30/- and one guinea costs.

Same date Constance Drewing was fined 20/- and one guinea costs.

On 30th August Corporal Fuller was fined 10/- and one guinea costs.

Same date Miss Guinne was fined 7/6 and one guinea costs.

Same date H. Turner was fined 20/- and one guinea costs.

On 18th September a passenger, Davis, was fined 40/- and one guinea costs.

Same date Corporal Belcher was fined 40/- and one guinea costs.

On 29th September Webber was fined 5/- and one guinea costs.

Same date Gardiner was fined 20/- and two guineas costs.

On 5th October F. E. Taylor was fined 20/- and two guineas costs.

Same date F. Freeman was fined 10/- and one guinea costs.

All the above for fraudulent travelling.

3421. Meetings, 1917.

The following dates were fixed for the Committee's meetings in 1917:—

February 14th,

April 18th,

July 11th,

October 17th,

December 12th,

being Wednesdays, at 2.30 p.m.

The Chairman of the last meeting to call an interim meeting if it is considered necessary.

(The meeting fixed for December 13th, 1916, is cancelled.)

3422. Traffic Receipts.

The figures of Committee's earnings are omitted as they have not been cleared.

3423. Bankers' Pass Books SUBMITTED, with Bankers' Statement, showing credit balances to date:—

Deposit Account . . .	£8,000.
Current " . . .	£2,398 12s. 3d.

3424. Cheques SIGNED for £1,641 8s. 7d., Cheques for £16,317 16s. 6d. (Wages, Rates, Gas, Maintenance, Rent of Line, etc.) reported signed since last meeting.

3425. Ret

SUBMITT

STATIONS.

New Cross, S.E.R.

Do. L.R.S.C.

Surrey Docks . .

Rotherhithe . .

Wapping . .

Shadwell . .

Whitechapel . .

Shoreditch . .

Totals, July, 1916

Do. July, 1916

STATIONS.

New Cross, S.E.R.

Do. L.R.S.C.

Surrey Docks . .

Rotherhithe . .

Wapping . .

Shadwell . .

Whitechapel . .

Shoreditch . .

Totals, Aug., 1917

Do. Aug., 1917

3425. Return of Receipts and Passengers.

Submitted the following statements:—

COACHING RECEIPTS FOR JULY, 1916, IN COMPARISON WITH JULY, 1915.

STATIONS.	BOOKINGS TO								TOTAL RECEIPTS.	
	East London Railway.	Brighton Railway.	South Eastern Railway.	Metropolitan Railway.	City Lines and Extensions.	District Railway.	W. & R. L. T. & S.	Great Eastern Railway.	July, 1916.	July, 1915.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Cross, S.E.R.	282 14 10	...	...	508 16 4	72 19 3	29 8 10	62 0 2	...	955 19 5	829 5 0
Do. L.B.S.C.	382 19 6	...	...	415 11 4	61 5 1	32 12 1	73 14 6	80 5 6	1,046 8 0	898 15 8
Surrey Docks	451 4 1	23 5 1	39 15 4	353 10 7	86 9 1	97 8 3	65 15 9	57 15 2	1,175 3 4	1,095 8 10
Rotherhithe	194 15 10	6 5 10	5 3 6	131 4 4	41 9 2	44 2 1	28 9 9	53 4 7	593 6 1	464 17 10
Wapping	154 11 6	2 5 8	4 12 8	46 5 1	24 1 9	29 15 6	19 16 7	2 4 6	274 13 3	248 1 3
Shadwell	419 17 11	16 5 1	12 5 2	64 18 8	13 0 7	29 13 2	6 15 5	4 18 0	566 14 0	501 18 0
Whitechapel	375 13 5	22 9 3	9 8 2	...	...	...	...	...	497 10 10	412 17 1
Shoreditch	173 19 9	2 17 4	1 12 1	6 15 0	0 10 0	1 17 11	5 17 5	...	187 9 6	189 13 11
Totals, July, 1916	2,435 16 10	73 8 3	72 16 11	1,321 1 4	299 14 11	264 17 10	249 0 7	200 7 9	5,117 4 5	...
Do. July, 1915	2,263 13 4	99 11 11	67 0 1	1,279 12 9	236 7 9	210 4 6	193 15 6	256 11 7	...	4,640 17 7

COACHING RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST, 1916, IN COMPARISON WITH AUGUST, 1915.

STATIONS.	BOOKINGS TO								TOTAL RECEIPTS.	
	East London Railway.	Brighton Railway.	South Eastern Railway.	Metropolitan Railway.	City Lines and Extensions.	District Railway.	W. & R. L. T. & S.	Great Eastern Railway.	August, 1916.	August, 1915.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Cross, S.E.R.	273 0 1	...	...	672 9 4	67 17 6	23 8 6	65 5 1	...	1,094 0 6	885 7 0
Do. L.B.S.C.	358 19 0	...	...	445 1 7	57 17 2	59 4 11	73 12 5	133 12 5	1,698 18 6	960 17 9
Surrey Docks	421 0 9	21 14 6	42 1 5	348 12 4	81 12 8	77 9 0	70 6 7	82 12 4	1,145 9 7	1,106 5 0
Rotherhithe	183 6 6	6 6 3	20 12 7	97 8 7	38 10 3	23 11 0	26 11 4	28 14 5	427 0 11	421 9 2
Wapping	149 18 4	2 10 0	28 1 0	52 15 10	25 1 0	28 15 0	9 17 11	3 18 2	300 17 3	233 4 7
Shadwell	401 12 9	18 17 6	49 14 10	91 14 8	14 18 0	31 12 2	5 12 10	0 1 3	614 4 0	569 12 9
Whitechapel	361 14 2	27 15 5	17 14 7	...	...	...	...	...	407 4 2	387 13 0
Shoreditch	169 16 0	8 11 1	1 18 5	0 18 9	0 13 2	1 5 10	6 0 4	...	189 3 7	203 18 10
Totals, Aug., 1916	2,318 18 7	85 14 9	160 2 10	1,609 1	1,286 9 9	220 6 5	257 6 6	248 18 7	5,186 18 6	...
Do. Aug., 1915	2,244 16 1	92 12 9	113 17 7	1,307 6 7	724 1 3	228 15 10	202 7 4	367 10 8	...	4,789 8 1

COACHING RECEIPTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1916, IN COMPARISON WITH SEPTEMBER, 1915.

STATIONS.	BOOKINGS TO										TOTAL RECEIPTS.	
	East London Railway.	Brighton Railway.	South Eastern Railway.	Metropolitan Railway.	City Lines and Extensions.	District Railway.	W. & B. L. T. & S.	Great Eastern Railway.	September, 1916.	September, 1915.		
New Cross, S.E.R.	£ s. d. 298 9 5	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 570 7 0	£ s. d. 71 15 9	£ s. d. 27 18 7	£ s. d. 68 19 3	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 1,937 10 0	£ s. d. 815 12 1		
Do. L.B.S.C.	384 4 1	...	...	417 11 0	60 8 1	39 19 10	82 15 0	65 0 7	1,049 18 7	843 15 7		
Surrey Docks	428 1 8	18 3 6	25 13 10	337 8 0	81 18 1	86 16 6	86 12 0	32 1 9	1,096 15 4	1,021 12 8		
Rotherhithe	186 10 7	4 15 0	13 9 1	97 12 3	38 9 7	27 15 9	28 7 10	6 0 2	493 0 3	374 6 6		
Wapping	153 2 7	3 16 8	21 16 7	49 17 11	27 3 1	24 15 3	12 10 11	0 15 6	293 18 6	254 10 9		
Shadwell	462 18 9	14 5 3	70 15 1	89 7 8	15 9 5	27 12 11	5 19 2	0 2 1	686 10 4	591 8 6		
Whitechapel	371 17 8	15 2 6	12 7 6	...	...	...	...	...	399 7 8	377 5 9		
Shoreditch	166 9 6	2 18 8	3 4 0	1 1 6	0 14 9	1 8 11	4 17 3	...	180 14 7	195 0 2		
Totals, Sept., 1916	2,451 14 3	59 1 7	147 6 1	1,563 5 4	295 18 9	236 7 9	290 1 5	194 0 1	5,147 15 3	...		
Do. Sept., 1915	2,288 0 11	50 19 3	173 8 0	1,193 0 6	236 10 7	193 8 2	186 6 6	151 18 1	...	4,473 12 6		

NUMBER of Passengers booked to, from, and over the East London Line for the months of
March, April, May, June, July and August, 1916.

From	To and over	March, 1916.	April, 1916.	May, 1916.	June, 1916.	July, 1916.	August, 1916.	Six Months' Totals.	Corresponding Totals.
East London Line	Brighton Line	2,161	2,134	1,983	2,337	2,551	2,756	13,922	16,577
"	South Eastern Line	1,024	1,901	1,339	1,620	2,337	2,485	10,706	13,126
"	Metropolitan	106,783	104,094	99,650	102,351	108,312	112,976	634,166	610,598
"	City Lines	40,292	32,149	34,070	34,756	35,649	34,559	211,475	169,689
"	District Line	16,891	14,934	14,577	15,248	15,997	14,379	92,026	79,688
"	W. & B. ; & L.T. & S.	16,255	15,656	15,612	14,980	16,580	16,600	95,683	76,853
"	Great Eastern Line	5,195	5,469	3,260	1,391	5,032	2,846	23,193	44,893
Brighton	East London	6,901	5,225	6,382	5,806	6,123	5,886	36,323	38,988
South Eastern	"	1,728	1,780	1,711	1,775	2,032	1,920	10,946	10,885
Metropolitan	"	73,675	69,163	68,229	71,103	70,824	75,676	428,672	359,132
City Lines	"	25,032	20,838	21,956	22,537	22,934	23,396	136,693	119,944
District Line	"	13,206	10,062	10,132	10,470	10,079	9,304	63,253	68,582
W. & B. ; & L. T. & S.	"	30,858	34,933	39,533	38,310	38,051	36,876	218,561	211,163
Great Eastern Line	"	5,075	4,217	3,100	1,076	857	1,172	15,497	40,861
Totals of Through		345,076	322,555	321,534	323,762	337,358	340,831	1,991,116	1,747,269
East London Local		438,201	408,846	438,615	426,440	441,814	421,734	2,575,650	2,460,691
Return Tickets are doubled.									
	Totals	783,277	731,401	760,149	750,202	779,172	762,565	4,566,766	...
Corresponding Totals 1915		682,536	639,713	746,345	695,456	722,195	721,715	...	4,207,860